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Divisional Application of:

Application No.: 09/694,088

Filed: October 20, 2000

For: GLYCEROL AS A PREDICTOR OF
GLUCOSE TOLERANCE

REMARKS

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Dear Sir:

The above-captioned application is a divisional of U.S. Application Number 09/694,088 filed on October 20, 2000, to which priority is claimed under 35 U.S.C. §120.

The specification of the present application is substantially the same as that of the parent application. The Related Applications paragraph has been revised to include a specific reference to the parent application.

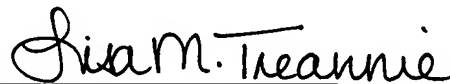
The specification has been revised to incorporate amendments entered in the parent application. Specifically, an amendment was made at page 5, line 26, to identify the SEQ ID NOs of the corresponding four polynucleotide sequences disclosed in Figure 2. Further, amendments were made at page 19, lines 16-17 and 20, to correct a typographical error that incorrectly described SEQ ID NO: 1 and SEQ ID NO: 3 due to a transposition of the descriptions. Support for these amendments can be found, for example, in Figures 2 and 6. No new matter has been added.

All of the claims from the parent application have been omitted. A new claim set is being presented herein for examination. Support for the new claims can be found in original claims 39 and throughout the specification (e.g., page 13, lines 12-19; page 16, line 20 – page 17, line 5; page 18, lines 16-19; page 20, lines 1-7; page 21, line 7 – page 22, line 6; and Figure 6). Applicants submit that no new matter has been introduced. A newly-executed declaration is not believed to be necessary under 37 C.F.R. 1.63(d) or 1.67(b).

Pursuant to 37 C.F.R. 1.63(d)(4), please note that a Revocation of Powers of Attorney and Appointment of New Attorneys and/or Agents and Change of Correspondence Address was submitted in parent Application No. 09/694,088. Please send all correspondence in the above-identified divisional application to: Customer No. 28120, Ropes & Gray LLP, One International Place, Boston, Massachusetts 02110-2624. In addition, please direct all telephone calls to Lisa M. Treannie, Esq. at (617) 951-7000, and all facsimile communications to (617) 951-7050.

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